

The Bloomin' News

Stoney Creek Garden Club & Horticultural Society

March and April 2024



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Upcoming Events and Meetings

Saturday, May 11th

- Annual Plant Sale – Battlefield Park

May 13th

- Monthly Meeting
- Plant and Flower Show Competition
- Kevin Kavanaugh, *The Growing Importance of Gardening for Nature*

June 10th

- Monthly Meeting
- Strawberry Social
- Plant and Flower Show Competition
- Lee Ann Downey, Stonewell Lavender Farm, *Growing Lavender Successfully*

July and August

- There are no meetings during these months.

September 9th

- Monthly Meeting
- Sean James, *It Doesn't End in August: Extending Interest in the Garden*
- Plant and Flower Show Competition

October 7th

- Monthly Meeting
- Paul Knowles, *The Odd and Eccentric Truth about Gardeners*
- Plant and Flower Show Competition

November 18th

- Annual General Meeting

We understand that sometimes circumstances do not allow you to arrive on time for our 7:00 pm meetings. If arriving late, please enter quietly, sign in, and find a seat. We would like to be respectful to our speakers and allow everyone to enjoy their informative talks uninterrupted. Thank you.



Guests are welcome to attend our meetings once, with a payment of \$2.00.
Stoney Creek United Church Hall - 1 King Street – entrance off Lake Avenue
Hall is accessible on street level. Parking is at municipal lot across Lake Avenue



President's Message

It has been a busy time for Stoney Creek Garden Club the last couple of months! In March we had our amazing silent auction - our most successful one yet. Thanks to everyone who came out to volunteer or to shop.

With the mild winter we have had, plants are sprouting earlier than normal. I already have purple irises in bloom. And now we are gearing up for our plant sale - only four weeks away. This year it is being held on Mother's Day weekend - Saturday, May 11th. If your garden is sprouting like mine, please consider digging up some perennials for our plant sale. I have lots of pots if you need any for your donations. The sooner they are repotted and watered, the better they will look, and the healthier they will be. Please email me if you need any pots. karenkrasko34@gmail.com .

Don't forget to post pictures of your garden as it progresses on our Facebook page! Our members really enjoy seeing each other's gardens.

I hope to see you at the plant sale. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

*Happy Gardening,
Karen Krasko, President*

Gigantic Plant Sale

Put it on your calendar and share with your friends!

Saturday, May 11th

8:00 am – Noon

Battlefield Park, Stoney Creek



We will have perennials, annuals, vegetables and herbs, hanging baskets, patio pots, and by popular demand, worm castings will be squirming their way in once again. Your garden will thank you!

Master Gardeners will be available to provide sage advice should you have any questions. New this year, Brenda Canning will be leading a children's garden activity for ages 5 to 11 while parents shop. Mother's Day is coming!

Volunteers are needed – email Karen if you are available:

- Friday evening plant drop off – 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.
- Saturday morning – 6:30 am for the nursery delivery, until noon and sale clean up
- karenkrasko34@gmail.com

Plant donations are needed – (these are our biggest profit):

- Contact either Gwen or Rose Marie if you need assistance digging in your garden
- Karen has many pots, in many sizes, should you need them
- Please ensure the plants are not invasive
- Also be aware of the jumping worm concern now in Ontario
- gwenallan68@gmail.com and rm.mueller@bell.net



Hummingbirds Look for Eye Candy

Ever watch a hummingbird hover in front of a flower before plunging its bill inside to sip nectar? In this intimate ballet, pollen sticks to the bird only to come off on another flower it visits, resulting in pollination. That's how hummingbirds across the Western Hemisphere can pollinate more than 7,000 species of flowers.

To find flowers, hummingbirds don't so much follow their nose as their eyes. Since people often do the same, the flowers that appeal to hummingbirds are also attractive to us. At least 84 per cent of the flowers hummingbirds feed from are red but they like other bright colours, too. They don't require "landing pads" or "platforms", which some flowers provide to insect pollinators in the form of the exposed centres or petals. Instead, hummingbirds go for elongated trumpet or tube-shaped flowers.

Hummingbirds, and the groups of flowering plants in North America that they pollinate today, have been evolving together over the past six or seven million years. Not only do native plants help fuel these species' energy-demanding lifestyle, they help restore habitat for a range of wildlife, including other pollinators.

Many of the native plants that hummingbirds prefer are stunning and available from nurseries and garden centres for you to plant in your yard or container garden.

When welcoming hummingbirds to your space, you should also: provide water sources and perches, treat the outsides of your windows with opaque stickers, screens or cord curtains to protect birds from collisions, keep cats inside and avoid pesticide use (hummingbirds eat spiders and insects as well as nectar).

If you use hummingbird feeders, clean them thoroughly at least once a week and take them down if you see birds that look sick or if a bird disease outbreak is reported in your area. Spreading out feeders and plant food sources throughout your yard will help supply multiple hummingbirds — a territorial male will sometimes monopolize the feeder if it's the only food source present.

Courtesy of the World Wildlife Federation website. <https://wwf.ca/>

Native plant species that hummingbirds visit and/or pollinate in Ontario

Note: Just because a plant species is listed for Ontario does not mean that the plant is native throughout the entire province. We recommend doing further research to find out which plant species are native to, and thrive in, your specific region and growing conditions.

<p>Blue flag iris — <i>Iris versicolor</i> Blue giant hyssop — <i>Agastache foeniculum</i> Butterfly milkweed — <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Canada lily — <i>Lilium canadense</i> Cardinal flower — <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> Common bearberry — <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> Fireweed — <i>Chamaenerion angustifolium</i> Hairy beardtongue — <i>Penstemon hirsutus</i> Harebell — <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> Michigan lily — <i>Lilium michiganense</i></p>	<p>Purple giant hyssop — <i>Agastache scrophulariifolia</i> Red columbine — <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> Red elderberry — <i>Sambucus racemose</i> Scarlet beebalm — <i>Monarda didyma</i> Scarlet paintbrush — <i>Castilleja coccinea</i> Spotted jewelweed — <i>Impatiens capensis</i> Spotted Joe Pye weed — <i>Eutrochium maculatum</i> Trumpet creeper — <i>Campsis radicans</i> Virginia bluebells — <i>Mertensia virginica</i> Wild bergamot — <i>Monarda fistulosa</i></p>
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Helen Battersby

Designing with See-Through Plants

Helen's presentation taught us to look at the plants in your garden, or the ones you will be putting in your garden, in a whole new way. She discussed finely textured flowers, grasses, and fronds, giving a sense of translucency. The ability to look through the plants to see what's behind them. She mentioned that tall, long stemmed plants invite nature in and a host of pollinators make use of them.

Clouds, mists, and screens: Some grasses are like looking through a fog and change their appearance throughout the growing season. Flowers such as globe amaranth, sweet coneflower and love in a mist can provide a cloud effect.

Umbrella and Strata: Plants such as yarrow, zinnia, and purple cornflower, grow in various heights and can give an umbrella appearance.

Foliage: With trees such as sunburst honey locust and laceleaf Japanese maple, you can look up through the foliage as the sunlight penetrates, giving a mosaic look.

Trunks and Branches: Trees can be pruned to create an open framework below their canopy, where you can see into the garden beyond. Helen suggests you think of Bonsai. She also suggested that you try your first Bonsai experience on a jade plant. The idiot's way of trying Bonsai!

How to Use the Plants: Helen suggests you think of movement or rhythm, a waterfall for instance, or a river of flowers. It will draw your eye to the far side of the garden. Tall thin evergreens will give the illusion of dance in your garden.

Building Layers of Colour and Texture: Helen mentioned Joe Pye weed, with a large leaved plant beyond it. She suggested a tapestry of annuals.

Offer Contrasts or Harmonies: You should be able to see something in the foreground and background which complement each other.

To Accent or Emphasize: A piece of artwork for instance, or a bench.

To Make Transparent Screens: Use grasses, a soft hedge of feather reed grasses. Or create a permeable focal point with planters.

Create Seasonal Pictures: Poppies for instance, which retain their iconic seed heads. Or cornflower heads catching winter snow.



To Paint With Light: Placement is important as sunlight and shadows create magic in your garden.

Summary: Think about what you are planting and consider it before bringing them home. Think about how you can use them in this magical way. Look at the plant close up, and from a distance. Start small, think BIG, and do the unexpected.

Helen Battersby has shared inspiration and images from her travels in Canada, the US, UK, and Europe as an engaging speaker and since 2006 as an award-winning blogger on TorontoGardens.com.

In 2017, Helen became co-publisher of [The Toronto & Golden Horseshoe Gardener's Journal](#); 2022 marked its Gold Medal-winning 30th Edition.

Helen is a graduate in landscape design from Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson), where her thesis team shared the *Shawn Gallagher Design Excellence Award*. She also holds a horticulture certificate from University of Guelph. For nearly 20 years, Helen has served as a volunteer with the Toronto Master Gardeners. Her special interest is creating and delivering garden presentations that are accurate, informative and visually engaging.

Helen welcomes you to contact her at:

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Silent Auction

Thanks to the over 100 members, families, and friends who came out to support us, our Silent Auction was a huge success! The best one ever! Thank you very much to Elaine Daley and her crew for all the hard work which went into the event, all year long! With 106 items to bid on, we also owe thanks to all the restaurants, companies, and individuals that donated to our event. The total value was over \$8,000! And we are happy to report that this year's auction brought in \$5,215.

Invasive Species Committee – Liz Chapple

The Stoney Creek Garden Club has featured speakers who spoke passionately about the dangers of non-native plants and invasive species. Members showed a lot of interest and asked many questions. In reaction to this we have formed an invasive species committee to keep our members informed and aware.



Invasive species are non-native plants whose introduction or spread threatens the environment, the economy or society, including human health. (Government of Canada 2004)

According to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the horticultural trade is the largest pathway for the intentional introduction of invasive plant species. Many invasive plants arrive as garden ornamentals and are sold to consumers who are unaware of their negative impacts.

As members of a garden club we can start in our own backyards. We are not advocating ripping out your non-native plants but hope with the information we provide you will pull out the worst offenders and consider buying natives when adding new plants. We also hope you will spread this information to friends and neighbours.

There are many lists on line of invasive plants but they can be long and intimidating. We will start by talking about the worst offenders, explain why they are harming the environment and of course the best way to get rid of them.

If you'd like to do some reading on your own a good resource is the Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation (ccipr.ca)

Peonies and Spring Time

Spring has arrived in your garden. The crocus have popped up, only to be covered in snow. Perhaps a bee has been buzzing around them. But ah, peonies. The beauties of springtime. How do we encourage these garden princesses?



Peonies thrive in full sun, but will tolerate a half day of sunshine. They also appreciate a sheltered spot, as they sway top heavy in a wind.

Perhaps you've protected your peonies with a coat of mulch. Begin by clearing away the fall leaves and mulch around the shoots, allowing them to soak up that warming sun. As they grow,

check for any signs of fungal disease. It is important to catch it early and speak to your nursery staff for assistance.

Consistent watering is important early to help establish newly planted peonies. First year peonies do well with watering once a week. For older peonies, every two weeks is sufficient. Water the base of the plant, not the leaves, as this may lead to the above noted fungal disease. Peonies prefer deep, pH neutral soil, with is humus-rich and well drained.

Peonies don't need a lot of fertilizer, but a light application in early spring, when shoots are three to four inches tall, is preferable.

And then the blooms ... those gorgeous, lush, fragrant blossoms.

Peonies are better planted and transplanted in the fall. We encourage you to speak to your garden nursery staff about all the beautiful varieties available.



Considering the mild and unseasonal winter weather we've experienced, please do not be tempted to clean-up your gardens until the temperatures are consistently above 10C. Our native pollinators rely on the shelter the old growth and leaf debris provides for them. Our migrating birds rely on the left over seeds and nuts. And our native birds rely on the insect larvae to feed their babies.

Apples on a Vine – really! That's called Espalier

I wanted to grow some apples in my back yard, but we live on a city lot with not much room. The problem was that in our small back yard, we already had two apricot trees, a plum tree, Amelanchier (Canadian service berry), black lace elderberry, raspberries, blueberries, roses, and a small garden with tomatoes, beans, radishes – the list goes. Plus we have grass! Where can I plant some apple trees?

Our problem was solved by planting miniature Espalier apples at the back of our garden. I bought three - 3' trees from Home Depot, of all places, for \$89 each. Each tree contained six



distinct kinds of apples: Braeburn and Wolf River on the top, Cortland and Winesap in the middle, and Red Jonathan and Gravenstein on the bottom. These different types of apples are grafted on a main branch, the kind I do not know, but they all came into leaf and grew the first year I planted them. I attached the trained branches to a clothes line wire that I strung between two end posts and the apple trees grow like grapes. My space problem was solved.

I have apple trees and used a small portion of our vegetable garden in an area that was susceptible to mostly shade due to the fences. I planted the trees 1½ feet away from the back yard six foot fence. They should have been planted further away but there was no space other than take up our whole vegetable garden and that wasn't going to happen. So the thought is to grow them up to get to the sun.

My plan seems to be working. I had some fruit flowers in the second year of growth and two trees



produced seven apples, of course the two that got the most sun. I am planning to train them to grow above the back yard fence - for visual screening, but also, so they get more sunlight. They need the sun.

We actually jammed sunflowers between the apples and the fence and eventually the sunflowers overshadowed the apple trees. I will change that this year because the apples we picked, due to lack of sunlight were extremely sour. Still a work in progress.

I will keep you updated at the end of this season.

Bob Heil

Spring and Summer Outings

We are considering two possible outings for June -

June 1st - The Royal Botanical Gardens – tour of the lilac gardens

June 29th – Haldimand Horticultural Society Garden Tour - Blooming on the Grand. This is a self-guided tour along the Lake Erie shoreline in Selkirk.

Details will be confirmed with you later.

If you have any ideas or thoughts about possible locations, please reach out to me.



Joanne Hofstee, Vice President

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Our April Plant and Flower Show Competition winning submissions:

We again welcomed Catherine McGill to judge our entries in April's competition. We had 24 entries this month! All our members enjoyed the creativity of the submissions. Our gardens are just warming up and getting ready to inspire you for the coming months. The categories for the coming months are listed near the end of this newsletter.

A. Horticulture Division

1. Daffodil/Narcissus - 3 blooms



1st Martha Novoselac
2nd Marian Heil
3rd Gwen Allan

2. 3 spring blooms, named



1st Martha Novoselac

3. Collection of spring blooms, minimum of 5 cultivars

No Entry

4. Helleborus (i.e. Christmas Rose), 1 stem



1st Darlene Barnes
2nd Gwen Allan
3rd Martha Novoselac

5. "Succulents/Cacti"
3 or more plants, individual pots



1st Darlene Brown
2nd Joanne Hofstee
3rd Rose Marie Mueller

B. Design Division:

1. "Spring"
Design using a basket



1st Sandra Brown
2nd Rose Marie Mueller
3rd Gwen Allan

2. Easter
Design of choice



1st Sandra Brown
2nd Rose Marie Mueller

C. Craft Division:

"Spring"
Spring wreath with some plant "real" material
included accessories allowed, ready to hang



1st Elisabeth Damiani

D. Novice Division:

"Yellow"
A vertical Line design
– yellow dominant



1st Darlene Barnes

E. Photograph Division:

"What's Blooming"



1st Rose Marie Mueller
2nd Martha Novoselac
3rd Gwen Allan

Our 100th Anniversary in 2026

We will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2026 and we have planning to do. If you are interested in joining the committee for this important event, contact either Bob Heil (Committee Chair), or Karen Klasko, via our Garden Club email.

stoneycreekgardenclub@outlook.com

Membership

We had a really great meeting in April, with 59 members and one guest taking part.

Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbours to join us. Single membership is \$15, family membership (up to three) is \$20. Membership is valid until October 31st, 2024.



We also encourage you to get involved. We are always looking for volunteers to help on all our committees and there are many areas to choose from and everyone is so nice!

Sandra Brown – Membership Chair



In 2024, we invite everyone to plant orange in honour of our Indigenous communities as we celebrate all the ways that Plants Love You by adding the warmth and energy of orange to our green spaces. This gesture is a beautiful way to make a positive and symbolic statement in our communities.

www.communitiesinbloom.ca

OHA Garden Ontario - 50/50 Draw



Your ticket purchase not only helps keep Ontario Beautiful but it supports education for youth and adults. It also supports environmental programs, awards and grants assisting with pollinators, tree planting and community beautification as well as post-secondary scholarships.

Garden Ontario (the OHA) thanks you for purchasing a ticket. Your support is vital in assisting us with these programs.

Tickets are on sale until Saturday, July 13th and the winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, July 14th. Ticket prices are 800 for \$75, 300 for \$50, 100 for \$20, or 10 for \$10.

Tickets are available online only at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

You can enjoy the Royal Botanical Gardens

Our Stoney Creek Garden Club has a membership to the **Royal Botanical Gardens**. That means you can borrow the admission tickets and have free parking if you have a SCGC membership card. Some events require an extra admission fee.



Please check their upcoming events at their website at <https://www.rbg.ca/>

Contact Judy Wrobel or Gwen Allan to reserve your tickets.
905-578-2197 or 905-561-3862

DISTRICT 6 NEWS



Our club is one of 21 Clubs/Societies that make up District 6 of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Each Club has a representative in the District who attends the club AGM and brings news from the OHA and the District as well as being the contact between the District and the club for questions that may arise.

<https://gardenontario.org/events/>

Mark Your Calendars:

- **Wednesday, April 20th** – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm - OHA Annual General Meeting, hosted by Haldimand Horticultural Society, 100 Haddington Street, Caledonia - \$20
- **Monday, April 22nd** – Earth Day – All Day Long
- **Saturday and Sunday, April 27th - April 28th** - Milton Spring Home and Garden Show, Sherwood Community Centre, Milton
- **Saturday, May 25th** – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Brantford Garden Club Plant Sale, Brantford Lions Park Auditorium, 20 Edge Street
- **Saturday and Sunday, June 1 – 2** - Annual Garden Tour – Paris Horticultural Club
- **Sunday, June 9th** – 10:00 am – 4:30 pm - Oakville Horticultural Society Secret Gardens of Oakville Tour, self-guided.
- **Saturday and Sunday, June 29 – 30** – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm - Haldimand Garden Society Garden Tour, Blooming on the Grand, \$10
- **Friday, July 12 – Sunday, July 14** - OHA 116TH CONVENTION 2024: The Heartland of Gardens Growing and Rivers Flowing. Hosted by Districts 7 and 8, Delta Hotels Conference Centre, Guelph



Be sure to check out the amazing speakers and events which will be taking place at our Ontario Horticultural Association 116th Convention!

<https://gardenontario.org/convention/>

Gardening Book and Magazine Swap

We had wonderful participation from our members, with many, many, books and magazines brought in to be enjoyed by others. The quality was amazing and I heard lots of appreciative comments. Including the woman who had regretted not buying a book a few years ago, and there it was! Thank you all for taking part, perhaps this will be an annual event.



Note that unclaimed books and magazines have been taken to the Neighbour to Neighbour used book room on the mountain. This book room benefits their food bank.

Plant and Flower Show Competition



There are five Divisions in the Competition: Horticulture (3 – 5 categories), Design (3 – 5) categories, Craft (1 category), Novice (1 category), and Photography (1 category).

Entry Tags will be available for every specimen entered. Please come early to set up your entry nicely for judging, and to complete your entry tags (in pencil) with the name of the specimen, the category to which it belongs, and your name.

Bring in your entry at 6:30 pm. Judging begins at 7:00 pm and no more entries will be permitted after that time. The Ontario Judging and Exhibition Standards (OJES) books are available to purchase or to order for \$15.00. A new version is coming out this year.

Please see the detailed list below for the competitions throughout the year. You may enter any of the Categories within each Division.

Good luck and have lots of fun!

Rose Marie Mueller

Director, Plant and Flower Show

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PLANT AND FLOWER SHOW RULES:
Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards, 2019 (OJES)

A. HORTICULTURE DIVISION

- (a) Plants must be owned and grown by exhibitor for minimum of 3 months.
- (b) One entry per category.

B. DESIGN DIVISION

- (a) Plant material can be obtained from any source, does not have to be grown by the exhibitor.
- (b) One entry per category
- (c) No accessories allowed unless stated

C. CRAFT DIVISION

- (a) No specific rules
- (b) One entry per category

D. NOVICE DIVISION (beginners wanting to gain experience)

- (a) To qualify as a novice, one year of exhibition experience in each division, Horticulture, Design, Craft, and Photograph
- (b) Specimens may be entered in all categories, as a Novice.

E. PHOTOGRAPH DIVISION

- (a) Photograph must be taken by the exhibitor, removed from any type of frame, and displayed on any colour of paper or cardboard backing with approximately a 1" border and lying flat on the display table.
- (b) Size of photograph is 5" x 7".
- (c) One photograph per exhibitor.

May 2024

A. Horticulture Division (1 entry per category)

1. Allium - 3 blooms, same cultivar, less than 5" head
2. Tulip - Double - 3 blooms, same cultivar
3. Rhubarb - 3 stems - displayed on a plate (page 114)
4. Collection of spring blooms – Minimum 5, Maximum 8. Named.

B. Design Division (1 entry per class)

1. May Flowers – a design of choice
2. Windswept – Satellite design (page 150)
3. Walk in the Woods - design incorporating decorative wood

C. Craft Division

1. Recipe using Rhubarb and sample of product.

D. Novice Division

1. Wet Start - Underwater viewing design (page 155)

E. Photograph Division (1 entry per class)

1. Spring Veggies – see rules

June 2024

A. Horticulture Division (1 entry per class)

1. Rose - 1 Spray or stem (class may be subdivided if needed)
2. Collection of Perennial flowers – minimum 5, maximum 8, named
3. Collection of Annual flowers – minimum 5, maximum 8, named
4. Herbs – minimum of 5 cultivars, named
5. Allium – 3 blooms over 5"

B. Design Division

1. Wedding at the Beach – design of choice using a tray
2. Dad's Perfection – a design of choice
3. Summer Vacation – a water viewing design

C. Craft Division

1. Decorate the perfect hat for Dad.

D. Novice Division

1. For the Guys - design for a man

E. Photography Division (1 entry)

1. Beautiful Site – show a community garden or town garden

September 2024

A. Horticulture Division (1 entry per class)

1. Dahlia - 3 blooms – 3" and under
2. Dahlia - 3 blooms - Over 3"
3. Garlic – 3 heads
5. Hosta Collection - minimum 3, maximum 5
6. Pepper – 3 not green

B. Design Division

1. "Fall Glory" – line mass design (page 144)
2. "Still Blooming" – a vertical design (page 156)
3. "Back to School" - design in a mug

C. Craft Division

1. Jar of Jam or Jelly - with recipe, maybe opened and sampled

D. Novice Division

1. Succulents/Cacti – 1 variety in pot, named

E. Photograph Division (one entry)

1. “Hold on to this Beauty”

October 2024

A. Horticulture Division (1 entry per class)

1. Zinnia – 3, same variety
2. Aster – 1 stem
3. Carrots – 3 displayed on plate
4. Zucchini – 1 green or yellow
5. Potato - 3 displayed on plate

B. Design Division (1 entry per class)

1. “Jacked”– design of choice using a pumpkin, accessories allowed
2. “Tiz the season” – design of choice - using fall plant material
3. “Fall colours” – using foliage only

C. Craft Division

1. “Pumpkin party”- carved small pumpkin - under 12”

D. Novice Division

1. “Halloween Fun” - design of choice with a spooky theme

E. Photograph Division (1 entry)

1. “Fall at its Best”

There will be no Plant and Flower Shows during November and December.



We tried a new set up for April's meeting! Rather than the rows of chairs, which didn't inspire getting to know your fellow members, tables were set up, and we report that we heard a lot of garden chatter going on. Not to mention making new gardening friends. Come out to the meetings, listen to the terrific speakers, and brag about your garden. Or, get your gardening questions answered without asking Google!



ARE YOU ACTIVE?

*Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just content that your name is on the list?
Do you attend meetings and mingle with the crowd?
Or would you rather stay at home and grumble a bit out loud?
Do you give a little time and help to make things tick?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the 'clique'?
There is a program schedule that means success if done,
And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.
So come to all the meetings and help with hand and heart,
Don't be just another member, but take an active part.
Think it over member, are you right or wrong?
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?*

Do you have something you'd like to share with your fellow Stoney Creek Garden Club members? A photo, short article, an idea for an article, a website you've discovered?

Please email me at aclarke2421@gmail.com.

I would love to include it in an upcoming newsletter.

Thank you, Alison Clarke

Thank you to our Garden Centre supporters:

Ed Ciardullo Garden Centre, 3017 Homestead Drive, Mount Hope
Roubos Greenhouse & Garden Centre, 42 Lake Avenue, Stoney Creek
Satellite Garden Centre, 1167 Rymal Road, Hamilton
Winona Gardens, 1381 Highway #8, Winona

Don't forget your SCGC card, and present it to the cashier prior to purchase.
Discounts are available until October 31st, 2024.